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I am very troubled that Microsoft, which , indeed has committed AntiTrust violations, as confirmed in the court hearings earlier this year, is now going unpunished.

The Federal Settlement is so wimpy as to be an apologia to the company . The very recent pricing settlement Microsoft made and its "conciliatory" plan to aid schools is a brash ploy to increase its monopoly on education!

While Microsoft has been innovative in many of its products, the company's modus operandi is, for the most part, stifling of the computer industry.

Our legal system must have the courage to do what is right, what has been determined in a court of law to be right. Our justice system should function independent of which political party holds sway at any given time. Do we really want to confirm the stereotype that a Republican US Attorney General will always cave in to "Big Business"? The recent Microsoft 'settlements' indicate, alas, that this is so.

Sincerely

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